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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY MOSQUITOES *Residents Urged to Check Property For Mosquito Breeding Sources*

This weekend's rain combined with warming weather trends make ideal conditions for spring mosquito breeding. Accumulated rainwater can become a breeding hazard. Mosquitoes, which can carry West Nile virus, lay their eggs in standing water. County residents need to take an active role in eliminating breeding sources around their homes. Repair, eliminate or cover items that collect water. By not allowing mosquitoes to lay their eggs around their homes, residents can protect themselves and their community from West Nile Virus this mosquito season.

Here is a list of common sites that should be inspected for mosquito breeding:

- Animal troughs and water bowls
- Birdbaths and decorative ponds
- Buckets and containers
- Children's toys and play equipment
- Drainage pipes and rain gutters
- Dumpsters and trash cans
- Inoperative swimming pools/spas
- Lawn ornaments and yard art
- Leaky faucets, hoses and sprinkler systems
- Potted plants and plant saucers
- Sagging tarps and covers
- Tool sheds and wheelbarrows
- Uncovered boats and machinery
- Unused vehicle tires
- Any item that will hold water for one week

To protect yourself from West Nile Virus, avoid going outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long sleeves, pants, and an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors. Install and/or repair screens on doors and windows to keep mosquitoes outside. For more information about the West Nile Virus, or to report mosquito breeding areas or dead birds, please call the County's West Nile virus information line at 1-888-551-INFO (4636) or visit the official County West Nile virus website at www.SDFightTheBite.com.

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